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**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the enclosed remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the action is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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